Recommendation of Finance Commission in respect of National **Calamity Relief Fund**

2024. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eleventh Finance Commission has recommended setting up of a Committee to examine afresh the whole question of providing relief under the National Calamity Relief Fund; and

(b) if so, the details and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) The Eleventh Finance Commission (EFC) has recommended that the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) should be discontinued. This recommendation has been accepted by the Government.

Development of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh

† 2025. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Centre is considering to implement from the year 2000-2001 onwards the centrally funded scheme under the macro management system for the development of agriculture in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether Centre has finalized the proposals received from Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if so, by when Centre is expected to accord valid administrative approval for these proposal alongwith the release of

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funds and whether anytime limit has been fixed by the Centre in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country

2026. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of targets fixed for such Kendras during last two years and that actually achieved;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the activities of KVKs, if so, the details of Kendras failed to achieve the desired results;

(d) the details of all these kendras in U.P.; and

(e) the number of KVK Government propose to set up in next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country. The State-wise details are given in the statement enclosed. *(See* below).

(b) During 1998 and 1999 the KVKs undertook the following activities:

* 26,303 training programmes benefiting 5.73 lakh farmers, 1.18 lakh rural youths and 0.58 lakh extension personnel.

* 28,425 extension programmes, including kisan melas, field days, kisan gosthi, exhibitions, TV & Radio talks etc.